Tenure of Chief Executive of Defence Organisations

†1797. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the minimum term of office fixed for the Head (GM and Senior GM) of Security Institutions and Board of Ordnance Factories;

(b) whether the GM is not being affected by the short term of office; and

(c) if so, whether any scheme has been formulated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The tenure of Chief Executives of Defence Public Sector Undertakings is 5 years or till the date of superannuation, whichever is earlier. The minimum period for the post of Chairman and Director General Ordnance Factory Board is three months. For General Managers and Senior General Managers, there is no fixed tenure though efforts are made to post such officers to Factory as General Manager/Sr. General Manager who have at least one year of service prior to superannuation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Setting up of Russian units in India to manufacture spares for Defence

1798. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been arrived at between Russia and India for setting up of Russian units in India to manufacture spares for Defence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether any time frame has been fixed for setting up of such units in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Occupation of 150 km. of Peer Panjal Mountain Range by Pakistan Terrorists

1799. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the news which appeared in the vernacular daily 'Samana' dated the 4th February, 2002 that 300 Pakistan terrorist has occupied 150 kilometers Indian Territory by trespassing into Peer Panjal Mountain Range is correct;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to take back this land; and

(c) details of security arrangements Government have made on such border lines?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The news-item appeared in the vernacular daily 'Samana' dated the 4th February, 2002 on the subject is not factually correct. Government has received no reports on the existence of Sangars and such like fortifications occupied by terrorists on the Peer Panjal Range.

(c) Army has instituted a comprehensive surveillance system and adopted a suitable defensive posture to ensure security of our borders and the Line of Control.